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SUBJ: LAW OF SEA ITEM AT 28TH GA

1. AMB STEVENSON MET WITH AMB AMERASINGHE AT UN TODAY TO DISCUSS LOS ITEM AT 28TH GA. AMERASINGHE STATED THAT HE HAD JUST MET WITH DENMARK AMB BORCH, CANDIDATE CHAIRMAN OF COMITE 1, AND TOLD HIM THAT THE SENSE OF RES 3029 (XXVII) WAS THAT THE LOS ITEM SHOULD BE FIRST ON THE AGENDA. AMERASINGHE'S PROPOSAL WOULD CALL FOR ITEM TO BE TAKEN UP ON 15 OCT. HE NOTED REPORT SHOULD BE READY ON 7 OCT AND GENERAL DEBATE IN PLENARY CONCLUDED BY 10 OCT. HE BELIEVES TWELVE MEETINGS ON ONE WEEK (TWO EACH DAY AND TWO NIGHT SESSIONS) SHOULD SUFFICE FOR ITEM. BORCH'S REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL IS UNKNOWN.

2. AMERASINGHE SAID THAT LDC'S WERE NOW STRONGLY AGAINST SANTIAGO AS SITE FOR LOS CONFERENCE. HE SAID THERE IS GROWING SUPPORT FOR AMB CASTANEDA'S PROPOSAL (IN GENEVA) OF HOLDING FOUR-WEEK "PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATING SESSION"

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IN SPRING OF 1974 AND SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF EIGHT WEEKS

IN SUMMER. AMERASINGHE SUGGESTS NEW YORK AND GENEVA AS RESPECTIVE SITES FOR SESSIONS. HE ADDED THAT "PRE-LIMINARY NEGOTIATING SESSION" WAS JUST A NAME TO APPEASE CHILEANS WHO WANTED FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION IN SANTIAGO. (COMMENT: IF SANTIAGO IS NO LONGER PROPOSED SITE FOR SECOND SESSION THIS REASONING SHOULD EASILY BE OVERCOME IN FAVOR OF SCHEDULING TWO "SUBSTANTIVE" SESSIONS IN 1974.) AMERASINGHE NOTED THAT AFRO-ASIAN MEETING IN TOKYO IN JAN AND GROUP OF 77 FEB MEETING IN NAIROBI WOULD GIVE DELS TIME TO MAKE DECISIONS AND COME PREPARED TO FOUR-WEEK SPRING SESSION.

3. ON INVITATIONS, AMERASINGHE FEELS VIENNA FORMULA WOULD AVOID HAVING SECRETARIAT OR COMITE SPECIFYING COUNTRIES BUT DOESN'T WANT PROCEDURAL DEBATE WITH SOVS ON FORMULA. WHILE HE FORESEES PROBLEMS ON VIETNAM, HE BELIEVES KHMER INVITATION QUESTION WILL BE RESOLVED BY GA CREDENTIALS COMITE.

4. AMERASINGHE PLANS TO HOOD CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS IN ADVANCE OF COMITE 1 MEETING TO SEEK INFORMAL AGREEMENT NOT ONLY ON CONFERENCE RESOLUTION BUT ALSO ON ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS TO BE TAKEN UP AT CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION.
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